

SOME MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO ARE PERHAPS DESTINED TO FIGURE IN BROADER FIELDS AND TO CLIMB HIGHER ON THE LADDER OF POPULAR FAVOR.

Hon. E. H. Barclay, the One-Armed Hero of Lexington.

HE WILL STAND FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

To Congress in the Old Fighting Tenth District.

THE POPULAR MEMBER FROM CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Cap. Featherston May Run for Lieutenant-Governor.

HIS ABILITY AS A LEADER

Has Been Fully Demonstrated on Several Occasions During the Two Terms He Has Represented His Constituency in the House of Delegates.

Among the leaders of the present House of Delegates there are several who, from present indications, will soon figure in broader fields, and perhaps step up higher in the scale of popular favor. One of these is Hon. N. B. Early, Jr., the brilliant young member from Greene and Madison, who, at the solicitation of his friends, has consented to make the

race for Senator from the 17th District, which, for the past six years, has been so ably represented by Hon. George W. Morris, who has been recently elected Judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Charlottesville.

Mr. Early was born in Albemarle county thirty years ago, and springs from an ancestry of Irish descent. He was educated at the Fishburn School, the Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia, studying law under the late lamented John B. Minor.

He won high honors in the literary societies of each of these institutions, and at Lexington rose from private to captain, passing through the four years of the cadetship without a single demerit.

He was a leading athlete during his college days, and became famous as a football player on the University team, and as centre rush stood champion of the South, being classed with Talbot, of Princeton, Adams, of Pennsylvania, and Stillman, of Yale.

Mr. Early entered politics soon after leaving the University, and has done loyal work on the hustings and in the councils of his party.

He has been twice returned to the House of Delegates, in which body he has taken high rank as a legislator, being a member of three of the most important committees, namely, Courts of Justice, Schools and Colleges and Militia and Police, the latter of which he is chairman.

His career as a representative has been that of a diligent and faithful public servant, and he has especially guarded the interests of the farmer, the laborer and the mechanic.

He was a member of the special committee to invite Colonel Bryan to address the Legislature; is a great admirer of the distinguished Nebraska orator, and a firm believer in the doctrines of the Chicago platform. As a speaker, Mr. Early has few superiors in the House, and in debate he is always eloquent and forceful. He is popular and influential with his colleagues; is possessed of strong personality, modest and dignified in his bearing, and would make an admirable Senator.

The district in which he is a candidate embraces Albemarle and Greene, and he has assurances of support from the leading Democrats of both counties. Indications point strongly to his success.

HON. T. C. PILCHER.

The friends of the Hon. T. C. Pilcher, of Fauquier, will insist that his broad legislative experiences shall be carried into the national arena; and are, therefore, pressing him to become a candidate for Congress in the 8th District. They point out that it has been a number of years since Fauquier has had the honor, and that in "Farmer" Pilcher they have a man who would fitly represent the interests of the entire district.

Mr. Pilcher is well and favorably known to the public men throughout the State, having been a prominent figure in the General Assembly for the past ten years.

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HON. J. C. FEATHERSTON.



HON. W. H. GRAVELBY.



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HON. CHARLES T. BLAND.

As a speaker Mr. Pilcher's style is alert and effective debaters of the House. He is exceedingly Democratic in his manner, warm-hearted and loyal to his friends, and ever ready to oblige his constituents, whose interests he looks after with great industry.

Mr. Pilcher is a prosperous farmer and merchant at Midland, Va., where he is largely interested in the lumber industry. Should he decide to enter the race for Congressional honors, his friends say he would make a most formidable candidate, and that his chances of success would be excellent.

It is believed Mr. Pilcher would take a high stand as a national legislator.

MR. SPEAKER.

Hon. E. W. Saunders, of Franklin, who for a number of years, has been the Democratic leader on the floor of the House, and who is now its very able

speaker, has been, and is now being, urged by his many friends to become a candidate for the office of Attorney-General, though he has not yet decided to do so.

There are few more profound lawyers in the State for his age than Speaker Saunders, and no one doubts that he would make a splendid attorney-general, should he be elevated to that office.

He has been a member of the House for about fifteen years, and is one of the most powerful and effective debaters who has served in the Legislature for years.

As an orator, too, his reputation is wide. His speech in accepting the chair at the Roanoke Convention three years ago, over which he presided with so much ability, was a magnificent effort, and the one returning his thanks to the House for placing him in his present high station was everywhere regarded as a

perfect gem of oratory.

Speaker Saunders is less than forty years of age, is modest and unassuming in his manner, and is possessed of splendid business qualifications.

He is rarely seen about the hotel lobbies, where public men are wont to gather, but when the Legislature is in session he boards at a private house, where, being a great student—he may be undisturbed in his labors. He has strong personal and political friends in every section of the Commonwealth, and if they are able to prevail upon him to permit the use of his name, he will be a most formidable candidate.

CAPTAIN BARCLAY.

Hon. E. H. Barclay, the one-armed hero from Lexington, has decided to stand for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the old fighting 10th.

Captain Barclay was born in Rockbridge county in 1846 and was educated

in the old field school of that day and at Washington College.

He entered the Confederate army at the age of fourteen and a half years, as a private, and rose to the rank of captain. He lost his left hand at the battle of Monocacy, June 9, 1861.

He has been the editor of the Lexington Gazette for the past twenty-eight years and never held a public office until elected to the present House of Delegates.

Captain Barclay has been a life-long Democrat and has, through his paper and otherwise, rendered much valuable service to the party. He has many friends in the contest, and is in the race to stay.

He is a good stumper, and when in debate he speaks with great vigor.

Up to this time there are four candidates for the nomination, and the fight will, no doubt, be a lively one.

HON. CHAS. T. BLAND.

Hon. Charles T. Bland, the able young member from Portsmouth, also has Congressional aspirations, and his friends claim that he has a splendid chance for the nomination, and the fight will, no doubt, be a lively one.

Mr. Bland is chairman of the Committee on Manufacturers and Mechanics Arts, and is a prominent member of the Committee on General Laws and the Chesapeake and its Tributaries.

He is a prominent Pythian and will in all probability be made Grand Master of the Order in Virginia at Winchester on next Thursday.

He is an able debater and has a real attractive way of speaking.

For a number of years he has been active in politics and canvassed the Second District for Congressman Young in his two fights for Congress.

Mr. Bland is a prominent lawyer and newspaper man, and is very popular in Portsmouth and Norfolk and the surrounding counties. He possesses the requisite for a first-rate congressman, and if he wins the interests of his people will be in safe hands.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

It is generally believed by the friends of Captain J. C. Featherston, of Campbell, that he will accede to their wishes before the Legislature adjourns and announce himself a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. Captain Featherston is serving his second term in the House, where he has made a most enviable record. He has fully demonstrated his ability as a leader on several occasions. Notably in his fight for the tonnage tax bill at the present session, and in the management of his reform measures during the session of 1897-'98.

He was educated at the Kentucky Military Institute, was a soldier throughout the war, having been wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and is deservedly popular with the survivors of the lost cause, whose interests he has always defended by his voice and vote.

He is one of the most successful farmers of the State and has held important agricultural positions, both State and Federal.

Captain Featherston is chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the House and is in close touch with the farming interests of the State, which are always consulted in the making up of a State ticket.

Hon. N. B. Early of Greene and Madison Counties

WILL RUN FOR SENATE FROM THE 17TH DISTRICT.

Is a Graduate in Law of the University of Virginia

THE ABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Being Urged to be a Candidate for Attorney General

A VERY PROFOUND LAWYER

Mr. Saunders is on the Sunny Side of Forty, is Modest and Unassuming in

His Manner and is Possessed of Fine Business Qualifications—Good Candidate.

He is a man of fine physique, is courteous in his bearing and is a most companionable gentleman. It is claimed that he is so geographically located that his candidacy would not be in conflict with that of any gentleman now in the field for Governor, and that all things considered, he stands a first-rate chance of winning.

SET HOUSE AFIRE TO CARRY IT AWAY

Building on Blair Street Destroyed by Incendiaries.

A BRIGHT BLAZE IN WEST END.

Negroes Tear Away Burning Weatherboarding and Carry it Off With Ease, While the Crowd Cheered. No Arrests Made.

Several vacant houses in the West End have recently been destroyed by incendiaries and the remaining timber has been carried away by a lot of thieves.

The vacant house No. 6 Blair street, in Henrico county, was set afire about 8 o'clock last night, and while it was burning a lot of negroes were breaking loose the weatherboarding and carrying it away by the armful.

Another vacant house on Blair street, was set afire some time ago and before it could burn down it was put out by negroes and carried away piece by piece.

The house destroyed by fire last night was formerly occupied by a family by the name of Harris. It was rented by Mr. R. N. Chaffin, the real estate agent, and had been vacant only a short while.

NO ARRESTS MADE.

The blaze was one of the brightest seen in the West End for some time, and illuminated the heavens for miles around.

It is not yet known who set the building on fire and no arrests have been made. It is thought, however, that the police will take up the matter and endeavor to capture the incendiaries as well as arrest the negroes who carried away the burned timber.

Notwithstanding the downpour of rain there was a large crowd on the scene, and cheered every time a negro would carry away some burned timber.

The fire department could not get in its work, as the burning building was outside of the city limits.

The loss will reach about \$500. There was little, if any, insurance on the building.

Some time ago a vacant house in Fulton was destroyed in the same manner as the one last night—by incendiaries.

BISHOP OF HAVANA.

He Arrived in That City Yesterday and Was Formally Installed.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—Monsignor Sbarretti, the newly appointed Bishop of Havana, arrived this morning and landed at 9 o'clock. A procession was formed, and the Bishop, with the Archbishop, where he was formally installed. Many clergy went to meet the Prelate. There was no demonstration.

A committee consisting of Generals Maximo Gomez, Lacerda, Cisneros and others issued a manifesto last night, cautioning the people against making any unseemly demonstration against Bishop Sbarretti. The manifesto said:

"Let us not commit any act which we may in the future have to regret on the day we celebrate our glorious revolution."

Monsignor Sbarretti, on landing, went immediately to a small chapel built upon the spot where Columbus is supposed to have celebrated his first mass. The new bishop there attired himself in his pontifical robes, according to the custom in Cuba, and a procession was then formed and marched to the cathedral, where Monsignor Sbarretti, after holding mass, addressed the congregation. He said he had come to propagate the religion of Christ. His mission was one of

Pemberton, Cordes & Mosby.

A Few Plain Facts About Much New and Low-Priced Spring Dress Goods

The new spring and summer Silks, Dress Goods, Wash and White Goods are here and ready for your inspection. They represent the pick of this season's choicest foreign and domestic productions, many of the styles shown by us being in limited quantities and in patterns controlled exclusively by us. Notwithstanding the increase in prices on raw and manufactured materials, price surprises will greet you here on every hand, our contracts having been placed months ago, when prices were at bed-rock. Our only advice—make your own observations and then draw your conclusions.

The New Silks.

Newness, Prettiness and Unmatched Values at every price are the strong features in our Silk Department. All the new silk ideas are shown here in an immense range of patterns and colorings.

PRINTED FOULARDS.

Strong favorites for the coming season's wear—especially strong values to tempt every prospective silk buyer.

At 75c.—12-Inch Extra-Heavy Quality Printed Foulards in an immense range of new, pretty and effective patterns and colorings.

At \$1 and \$1.25.—27-Inch Printed Foulards, exclusive designs and colorings, in dress lengths.

TAFFETAS.

Extra-heavy weight, the proper finish in all the new, staple and hard-to-get colorings, 75c. yard.

SATIN FINISHED CREPE DE CHINE. Entirely new and a strong favorite. All the new pastel shades, and a full line of shadings for street evening wear, \$1.75 yard.

Gentlemen's Furnishings.

The new Spring Stock is here—all the newest and most fashionable ideas. The values are so conclusive that you have but to see them to become convinced of their cheapness.

NECKWEAR.

New String Ties, Band-Bows and Imperial. Entirely new effects and colorings, 25c.

Imperial, Trecks and English Squares, very new styles and effective patterns and colorings, 50c.

HOSIERY.

The new spring stock is here. Entirely new styles and effects, polka-dots, stripes, &c., 25c.

SHIRTS.

The new stock of negligee shirts is here with all the new points of prettiness about them.

Full-sized garments, no skimping, nicely made, carefully selected patterns, one pair link cuffs to match each shirt, 95c. Gentlemen's Laundered Shirts, perfect fitting, thoroughly comfort-giving garments; three styles—open front, plaited bosom and open back and front, \$1.

World's Record Broken.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Feb. 24.—Charles E. Donovan, of California, to-night broke the world's record for indoor pole vaulting by one inch, vaulting ten feet ten inches. The record was broken in the University of Michigan gymnasium, where candidates for the track team were working.

CRUELTY CAUSES PARTING.

Mrs. McLellan Asks for a Divorce From Her Millionaire Husband.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Ambrose Louise McLellan, wife of Orris Irving

McLellan, of New Orleans, a State senator in Louisiana and worth, it is said, more than a million dollars, applied for a divorce to-day. She testified that her cruelty towards her husband was so great that she felt obliged to flee for her life. Her bill charged that in 1896 Mr. McLellan tried to have her "interdicted" or pronounced incapable of carrying on her own affairs. When given her choice of a mad-house or the street, Mrs. McLellan said she chose the asylum, and stayed there two months. About Christmas, 1896, she fled from New Orleans to Chicago, where a friend secured her employment.

The bill showed the husband to be owner of dry docks at New Orleans, a line of street cars, large plantations, blocks of real estate in New Orleans, and an income of \$30,000 a year. Mrs. McLellan's lawyers asked the court to award Mrs. McLellan \$5,000 a year in alimony and the possession of her personal property, worth \$5,000.

If the case is as bad as it seems, said Judge Tuttle, she ought to have a share of that million.

The New Dress Goods.

If it's dress you want and if it's new and stylish, it's here and in full range of all the fashionable colorings.

NEW PLAID BACK FANCIES

Entirely new effects, in entirely new color combinations; colors, Quaker Gray, Castor, Tan, Brown, Oxford, Blue and Black. Prices, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

NEW CREPONS

Light weight, very stylish; colors, Castor, Red, Blue and Lavender, \$1.50 yard.

VENETIAN CLOTHS

In the new pastel colorings, very new and stylish, \$2 yard.

NUON'S VEILINGS

Strong favorites for the coming season's wear, entirely new and very fashionable, \$1.25 and \$2 yard.

BROADCLOTHS

For tailored suits, full range of all the new and staple shadings, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.50 yard.

CHEVIOTS

Strong favorites and elegant wearers, full line of colorings, 50c., \$1 and \$1.25 yard.

NEW CHALLIES

Silk Striped Challies, White ground, with colored figures, a regular 50c. value, 37 1/2-c. yard.

At \$1.—Boys' Laundered White Cambric Shirts, nicely made, perfect-fitting.

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Boys' Shirt Front Waists, made of White cambric and percales in carefully selected patterns; one pair link cuffs to match each shirt.

Boys' Nicely-Made Unlaundered Percale Shirt Waists, carefully-selected patterns, with and without collars.

Boys' Nicely-Made White Cambric Shirt Waists, with and without collars.

At 75c.—Boys' Laundered Percale Shirt Waists, nicely and carefully made, patterns carefully selected.

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Boys' Shirt Front Waists, made of White cambric and percales in carefully selected patterns; one pair link cuffs to match each shirt.

The New Black Goods.